

CMPT 376W Guest Speaker Shannon Danson

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Prepare for the talk

Shannon Danson is a Co-operative education Coordinator for the Faculty of Applied Science at SFU. She is going to speak about our SFU Co-op program for the Faculty of Applied Science, and what the program can provide to the students.

Notes

What you need to know

1. Supervised work experience in your field
2. Gain technical experience
3. Min. 420 work hours (per term), paid
4. Complete min. 3 Co-ops
5. Alternate between work and study semesters
6. Co-op terms = 4, 8, or 12 months

3 Semester process

Summer 2021 Prep Course

- BOL 1 / ENSC 105
- Mandatory Workshops: Resume, Cover Letter, Interview
- Submit Cover Letter and Resume review Assignment

Fall 2021 Seeking Course

- Apply jobs on myExperience
- Go to Interviews
- Job Offer

Spring 2022 Working Course

- Work
- Site visit
- Work term report

Online Platforms / Tools

Canvas course

- All of our work and site visit are organized in canvas course, and student will have to on board themselves in the co-op process through the canvas course. Canvas course is where Co-op coordinator manage student volume and help generate their seeking list.

myExperience

- It's the database that SFU Co-op program used for hosting job portal, and its where it holds all the job postings from our employers.
- This is where we organize co-op student's applications and interviews for the employers
- Many employers are SFU alumni, and they will post jobs here as well

Staying on Track

Workshop Sign-up

- Resume, Cover letter and interview
- Guest Speakers (FASTalks)

International student

- Apply for Co-op work permit
- Very important deadline for this
- Recommend you apply NOW

Resume and cover letter review assignment

- Important deadline for this

Resume and Cover Letter Review Assignment

Document Status

Released	Competitive Documents
Conditional for Release	Documents are OK but need to make some updates
Not Released	Your documents need a lot of work and you will need to work with the Co-op student Advisor to make improvements.

Sample of FAS Employers

SAP, ICBC, CIBC, Ballard, Microsemi, Google, Tesla, EA, Hootsuite, IBM, Change Healthcare, Avigilon, Microsoft, Netgear, Provincial Health Services Authority, and etc.

Sample of Postings (Example: SAP)

SAP: multinational software corporation that makes enterprise software to manage business operations and customer relations.

Positions:

- Developer: Full Stack, Web, Software, Agile, Analytics
- Technical Project Coordinator
- Engineering: Security, DevOps, Cloud
- QA
- Product Support
- IT Technical Consultant
- Project Manager / Software Tester

Co-op Locations

- Local: Lower Mainland
- Domestic: BC & Across Canada
- International: Spain, Germany, Hong Kong, and US (Seattle, New York, Silicon Valley)
- Remote

Resources:

What is the job Really like?

1. Labour Market Research
2. Talk to your Co-op Coordinator or Student Advisor
 - a. Student Interview Feedback
 - b. Senior Student Point of view forms
 - c. Alumni/Employer Point of view forms
3. Search profiles on Online Learning Community
4. FASTalks Workshop series
5. Resource Library on Canvas – Launched Sep 2020

Some stats

2019 FAS Co-op Stats for Spring, Summer and Fall:

- 3307 jobs posted on myExperience
- 1699 newly hired students
- 3216 students apply to seek

FAS jobs posted per term: 1000+

Summer 2019: 500+ placements

Summer 2020: 350+ placements

Co-op / Campus Events

• Info session	• Employer / Industry Info Sessions
• Hackathons	• Clubs
• Hiring Events	• Personal Projects

Extracurriculars: List of FAS clubs

Robot Soccer	Women in Comp. Science (WICS)
SFU Aerospace	Women in Clean Tech
SFU Satellite Design	Student Societies
Team Guardian (Drones)	Computer Science Student Society (CSSS)
Team Phantom (electric cars)	Association for Computer Machinery (WICS)
SFU Rocketry	Coffee and Code Workshop
SFU Surge	CSSS Hackathons

Tips for a Successful Prep Term

1. Complete the Pre-Course Checklist
2. Take time to review the Prep Course Modules and apply what you have learned in workshops.
3. Review the Student Expectation slides
4. Complete requirements and assignments
5. Stay Connected and be Involved

Advisors and Coordinators

Co-op Advisor	Mary Samy
Co-op Coordinators	Chelsea Hunter (A-D) Jacqueline Craig (E-K) Shannon Danson (L-N) Cristina Eftenaru (O-S) Andrew Jenkins (T-Z)

Summarize

Danson went through the process of how student prepared for job interview and getting the co-op offer. Also, she brings out a lot of useful resources of how student can take advantage of for job searching and improving their own interview skills. As a student, it is great to hear that our co-op coordinator will always be there to help us and guide us to the future career that the student will heading to.